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Supervisor Peter Burgelis - District 15

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Milwaukee County Supervisor Peter Burgelis Assaulted

Vows to Continue Fight for LGBTQ+ Acceptance and Equality

MILWAUKEE — County Supervisor Peter Burgelis was subjected to a violent assault on Monday, June 12, 2023, in an unprovoked incident that occurred at Mayfair Mall.

While details surrounding the assault are still being investigated by law enforcement, it is confirmed that Supervisor Burgelis has sustained significant injuries and received surgical care at Froedert Hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. In response to this attack, Supervisor Burgelis stated:

"I will never be silenced, nor will I allow this act of violence to detract from our ongoing efforts to secure acceptance and equality for the LGBTQ+ community. If anything, this assault serves as a stark reminder of the pervasive challenges we continue to face.

"The unfortunate truth is that threats and acts of violence against the LGBTQ+ community persist at an alarming rate. Nationally, LGBTQ+ people are nearly four times more likely than non-LGBTQ+ people to be victims of violent crime. This reflects a broader pattern of discrimination and intolerance that plagues our society. We have seen a concerning rise in incidents, including the recent bomb threats directed at several Milwaukee-area Kohl's stores due to their Pride displays.

"It is through resilience and unwavering determination that we must confront these injustices and strive for a future where all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can live without fear of harm or prejudice."

Supervisor Burgelis is moving forward with his plans to honor and present citations of recognition to dozens of local LGBTQ+ individuals and community organizations at the June 22nd meeting of the Milwaukee County Board. This year's Pride Month program will serve as a testament to the resilience and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in Milwaukee County.

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Supervisor Burgelis remains grateful for the outpouring of support he has received from family, constituents, colleagues, and community organizations in the aftermath of the assault. Their encouragement has reinforced his resolve to continue on with renewed determination.

Supervisor Burgelis also expresses his gratitude to the Wauwatosa Police Department and Froedert Hospital staff for their dedication and professionalism.

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